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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A SAND CORE WITH  
AN IMPROVED PRODUCTION RATE

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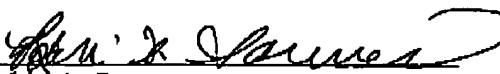
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